GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:316
ANSWERED ON:15.12.2011
GRAM ROZGAR SEVAK UNDER MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the details of dedicated personnel deployed at various levels for the implementation of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) along with duties/ responsibilities assigned to them;

(b) whether suggestions have been received from various quarters for creation of All India Services for the officers/staff manning and implementing various rural development schemes including MGNREGS, and if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government proposes to accord status of Government Employees to Gram Rozgar Sewak implementing MGNREGS;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) whether the Government also proposes to improve quality of services including performance of Gram Rozgar Sewak and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement as referred to in reply to parts (a) to (e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No. 316 for answer on 15.12.2011

(a): As per Section 18 of the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), it is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to make available to the District Programme Coordinator and the Programme Officers necessary staff and technical support as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the Scheme. For the year 2010-11, as reported by the States/Union Territories, 164642 Gram Rozgar Sahayaks/Sevaks at the Gram Panchayat level, 5817 accountants, 23844 engineers/technical assistants, 5724 programme officers and 9035 computer assistants at the Block level and 892 works managers/technical assistants, 816 IT managers/ computer assistants, 519 accounts managers, 428 training coordinators and 869 coordinators for social audit and grievance redressal at the District level were deployed by States for implementation of MGNREGA. The functions of District Programme Coordinator (DPC) and Programme Officer (PO) are given in Section 14 (3) and 15 (5) of the Act. The major functions of DPC are to assist the District Panchayat in discharging functions under the Act, consolidate plans prepared by Blocks for inclusion in shelf of projects, accord necessary sanction and administrative clearances, coordinate and supervise POs to ensure entitlements under the Act, inspection of works in progress etc. The major functions of PO are to monitor projects of Gram Panchayats and other implementing agencies, ensure payment of unemployment allowance, fair payment of wages to labourers, ensuring social audit and follow up action, dealing with complaints etc.

(b) & (c): No sir.

(d) & (e): Implementation of MGNREGA is done by the State Governments in accordance with the Schemes formulated by them as per the provisions of the Act. As per Section 18 of the Act, it is the responsibility of the concerned State Governments to make available to the District Programme Coordinator and the Programme Officers necessary staff and technical support as may be necessary for the effective implementation of the Scheme and hence, it is for the concerned State Governments to devise procedures and measures to improve quality of services including performance of Gram Rozgar Sevak for effective implementation of the Act.